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Applicant hereby appeals the rejection of pending claims 20, 22-31, 35, 36, and 40-44 of the above-referenced application. A final Office Action was mailed on December 29, 2008. The Office Action set forth a Shortened Statutory Period of three (3) months for reply, *i.e.*, to March 29, 2009. March 29, 2009 falls on a Sunday. Therefore, this Notice is timely filed on Monday, March 30, 2009. A credit card payment form authorizing payment of the Appeal fee in the amount of **\$270.00** is enclosed in view of the small entity status of the application.

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